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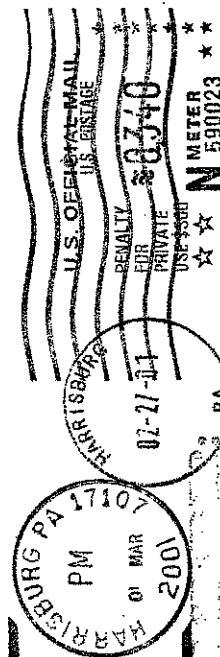
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JIBRIL KOITA,
GLADWIN WILSON,
MAHER OMARI,
SALEH SHERIF,
CELIO DE LA CRUZ,
ANH LE,
Petitioners

vs.

JANET RENO,
Respondent

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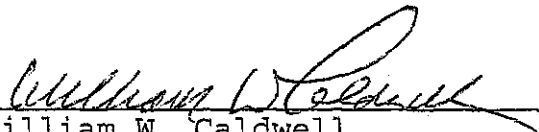
THE BACKGROUND OF THIS ORDER IS AS FOLLOWS:

MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK
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The pro se petitioner, Jibril Koita, detained at the York County Prison, has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. He asserts that he would be subjected to persecution and torture if he was returned to his own country and is seeking relief under the Convention Against Torture.

We will not appoint counsel. This habeas petition does not deal with the merits of the INS's attempt to remove the petitioner. Instead, it deals with the legality of Koita's confinement pending his removal, and, on that matter, no counsel is necessary.

AND NOW, this 27th day of February, 2001, it is ordered that the Petitioner, Jibril Koita's, motion (doc. 43) for appointment of counsel is denied.


William W. Caldwell
United States District Judge